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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Union Service of Churches. Mr. Lewis Married. Red Cross Seal Sale. Ex- citing Fox Chase.

Rev. W. S. Brooke attended the state Baptist convention which was held last week in Greenville. Instead of a regular sermon on Sunday morning he gave a very interesting account of the convention, dealing with the chief points. A full account of the convention which is published in the Baptist Courier, can be obtained for 25 cents. This was the Centennial Convention, and it was interesting to note that at the first convention, December 4, 1921, which was held in Columbia, of the thirteen delegates present, two were from Edgefield county, Col. Blocker and John Landrum.

There will be a union service of the churches Wednesday evening, this to be held in the Baptist church, and at this time, there will be a special program which will be relative to tubercular work. A special speaker has been invited for the evening.

On Wednesday evening, December 21st at the Baptist church, the Sunbeams, under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, will give a Christmas program which promises to be a beautiful and impressive exercise.

So many letters are being found addressed to "Santa Claus" that the postmaster here has very thoughtfully arranged a special post box at the office where these important letters may be posted without delay, and reach their destination in ample time for the requests to be granted.

The announcement of the marriage of Mr. Jefferson Lewis to Miss Stella Buchanan, has been received here by relatives and friends. The happy event took place at the home of the bride in San Francisco, Cal. Every good wish and many congratulations are waiting to the young couple. Mr. Lewis has been residing in San Francisco for the past year, and his friends hope that it will not be so long before he will visit his home town, bringing his young bride with him.

Mrs. Eugene McAlpine and children have returned to Hartsville after a visit in the home of Dr. S. G. Mobley. Miss Sallie Carwile accompanied them home.

Mrs. A. P. Lewis and Miss Marie Lewis have returned from a visit to the home of Dr. Price Timmerman, at Batesburg.

Miss Fannie Crumby, who is now residing at Saluda, has come to spend the next few weeks in the home of Mrs. Jesse Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Teague Price of Augusta are guests in the home of the latter's father, Mr. J. R. Hart.

Mr. David Howard is having his home remodeled and at an early date contemplates opening up a boarding house.

The Angeline Bacon Chapter, C. of C., met Saturday afternoon with Misses Marion and Grace Turner, there being a good attendance. Mrs. John Wright is the director and Miss Marion Turner is the president. An instructive historical program is always carried out which is a most excellent way of impressing Confederate truths on the minds of the young.

Mrs. Turner was asked to tell some thing of the state U. D. C. convention that would be of interest to the chapter. Mrs. Rhame, the state director, having made a fine report at the state convention. After the meeting all enjoyed a social hour and hot chocolate, fruit cake and wafers were served.

Mrs. James White spent last week at Leesville with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Mitchell.

Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, of Charleston, spent the week-end here at the home of her cousin, Mr. William Bouknight.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wright and Miss Florence Wright went to Greenwood Thursday for a short visit in the home of Mr. Cartledge and also to see General Foch.

Mrs. Fannie Nickerson has returned from Columbia where she has been visiting the families of her sons, Messrs. George and Watson Nickerson.

Mr. Pilcher of Augusta has been

for a visit in the home of Mr. W. P. Cassells.

On last Thursday evening those that like a good chase, accompanied by the bay of the hound, had this pleasure. A large fox was turned loose and given one half an hour's start and then the hounds given the trail. In the parlance of the hunters the chase was a fine one, but did not last over an hour or more. Those who had the dead fox thoughtlessly brought it on through town and stray dogs struck the trail and made the town lively with barking. Other dogs joined in, so all that did not have the benefit of the chase had the enjoyment of the sound of one.

Mr. Mark Toney has been for a visit to Columbia.

Miss Clara Sawyer spent the week-end at Batesburg with Mrs. Isaac Edwards.

Mrs. Joe Cox entertained the Bridge club in a most enjoyable manner on Thursday afternoon, and sixteen members made merry a very congenial party. The highest score was made by Miss Frances Turner who was presented with a daintily embroidered table set. A delicious salad course was served.

Miss Mary Lewis visited in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Willie Tompkins during the past week.

A booth for the sale of the Red Cross seals is to be arranged during this week, and the proceeds will be used to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

Mrs. Lillie Andrews, who has been quite sick, is now able to be up again.

The "Watson-Johnson" basketball team had a game Friday afternoon. The score was 14 to 13 in favor of the Johnson team. Both teams are local, composed of two sections of the town.

Johnston high school team and Ridge Spring high school team had a game here during the past week, this being a close game, Ridge Spring winning.

Johnston and Aiken teams will play at Aiken Friday afternoon of this week.

## Delightful U. D. C. Meeting.

The Edgefield chapter, U. D. C. was delightfully entertained by Mrs. P. P. Blalock, Sr., on Tuesday afternoon, December 13th, at 3 o'clock with the president, Mrs. J. M. Wright in the chair. The principal features of the session were the reports of the State convention recently held in Batesburg. These were made by Mrs. P. M. Feltham and Mrs. A. A. Woodson, Mrs. Feltham telling of the social side of the convention and Mrs. Woodson bringing the message to the chapter of the work to be carried on next year. She stressed the work of the Historical committee, and mention was made of the beautiful cup to be given by Mrs. St. J. Allison Lawton, the retiring State president, to the chapter doing the greatest amount of historical work in the division. This chapter made a unanimous determination to work to get this cup for Edgefield. Mrs. Feltham mentioned the prize offered by Mrs. Woodson for the Edgefield chapter to the daughter of the division sending in the best poem during the year. The chapter bestowed another honor on Mrs. Woodson by calling this prize for her mother—the "Sue M. Abney" prize.

Mrs. Woodson made the suggestion to the chapter that as they did such beautiful things beautifully, that they do one more beautiful thing and make the three former presidents of the chapter who were charter members, honorary presidents for life. These three women are Mrs. N. G. Evans, Mrs. J. D. Holstein and Mrs. Robt. A. Marsa. This suggestion was put in form of a motion by Mrs. Feltham and carried.

During the historical session, which finished up the year's study of Confederate Heroes, a paper was read by the historian on John H. Morgan, and a sketch of Morgan's Raid was given.

Mr. Blalock delighted the chapter with an instrumental selection of great beauty.

Mrs. Blalock served a delicious salad course, assisted by Mrs. P. P. Blalock, Jr., and Mrs. J. G. Edwards.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. R. C. Padgett in January.

## Miss Florence Mims Writes of Famous "Runs" and "Dug-Outs" of Oklahoma.

Dear Advertiser:

The most pleasing introduction I have ever had was on a day early in September when President Caldwell introduced the faculty of the University Preparatory School, calling each state by the name which each faculty member represented, and mine he called "the grand old state of South Carolina." I could feel the blood of the Secessionists flowing more rapidly through my veins and anyone rightly interpreting the pride of state in my face would have known from that alone, that I was a Southerner.

As I have told you before, the Oklahoma state capitol stands some distance from the city outskirts in a corn field and there is nothing so devoid of sentiment as a cornfield.

Oklahoma is like a growing child, and its toys are the oil wells. One hears every few days, "Another oil well 'came in' today." To "bring in" an oil well is news that makes food for many conversations.

Over-night men become immensely wealthy, and the blue jeans of some of the unshaved farmers bear securities that would not be insignificant on Wall Street.

I have had the good fortune to ride over many parts of Oklahoma and through many towns, but I have yet to find any two that look different. Each is an exact replica of its next county neighbor, filled with bungalows. This I can say, however, that the roads connecting these towns are vastly better than most I have seen in South Carolina. The roads are paved for two miles out of the nearest town east of here, Blackwell.

A new town always has the evidently necessary things, modern luxuries, good school buildings, good roads, rather good shops; but a thousand intangible refinements they have not, nor ever will have for generations upon generations to come.

Culture does not spread from South Carolina to Oklahoma with anything like the rapidity with which the boll weevil traveled from Texas eastward. Neither have people given the spread of culture the study that they have given the barring of the boll weevil. We are ever ready to battle for the things that will help or hurt us financially and materially.

The west does not seek our finer civilization because it does not know that it lacks it.

In all the American history I have ever heard or read, there is little more interesting to me than this: Six counties in Southern Oklahoma, Logan, Oklahoma, Kingfisher, Cleveland, Canadian and Payne counties, which had never been given to the Indians were opened up for settlement by whites at 12 o'clock the 22nd of April in 1889.

Any people who desired made "the run" into these counties. The land was staked off into homesteads, and the first person arriving at any given share, afoot or on horseback, or in wagons, had the sole ownership thereof.

This race, so to speak, starting at 12 o'clock was known as "the run." The history professor at the University Preparatory school was telling me the other day how his people had taken part in the famous "run."

The most interesting part of my story is yet to come. On arriving at their given farms, some distance from civilization, how do you suppose they lived? Dugouts were made in the ground, like the cave man built in the Stone Age, and there they lived with a covering over this ground dwelling. Remains of these dug-outs are still to be seen.

So instead of cutting down trees and clearing the forests, for there were no forests, these sturdy farmers went to work to till the prairie soil, to raise wheat and cotton and corn, and thus did the early days of Oklahoma begin.

(FLORENCE MIMS.  
December 8, 1921.

## Notice.

Owing to contemplated changes in our business, we request and urge that all persons having accounts against us will present them for payment by December 27.

YONCE & MOONEY.

## Economy Home, an Institution for Orphan Children.

There are 482 motherless, homeless children seeking admission to the Economy Home, located at King's Creek, S. C.

What will bring you more real joy on Christmas morning than the thought that you have assisted in providing for them a home where they will be cared for by loving, skilled hands, provided with nourishing food, warm clothes and Christian training?

The Economy Home is chartered and licensed by the State of South Carolina. J. N. Nesbit, M. D., of Gaffney, S. C., is president. It is on the southeast side of King's Mountain battleground, two miles of King's Creek Station on the Southern Railway on the backbone of a beautiful high ridge, at one of the finest mineral springs in the state, formerly known as Piedmont Springs.

We have 50 children and 482 applicants. "Please take care of my babies" is the dying request of a poor mother contained in a letter which now lies on our desk. The last thought of every dying mother is of her babies. Many of them know that there are loving, tender hands to care for their children, but oh! the anguish of those who have not this consolation as they lay on their death beds. Would that we had a thousand tongues that we might tell you in thundering tones the appeal of these dying mothers: "Save my babies, please."

We lay the appeals of these children at the door of your conscience. If you can hear their cries and help them they will rise up and call you blessed not only while you live but after you are gone.

The following letter shows that Governor Cooper endorses the work of the Economy Home:

November 5, 1921.

To The Executive Board,

The Economy Home,

King's Creek, S. C.

Gentlemen:

I am glad to state that according to the information I have, your institution is doing good work, and merits enlarged support from the public. The State Board of Public Welfare, after making a thorough examination of Economy Home, informs me that your superintendent is conducting a worthy institution and conducting it well. I trust that you will be successful in your efforts to raise money, and thus pay off the debts and also enlarge the service which the Economy Home is now rendering motherless children.

'Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. A. COOPER,  
Governor.

Send your contributions to the Economy Home, Campaign Headquarters No. 5 Liberty Bank Annex, Columbia, S. C.

## Death of Mr. J. O. Seigler.

After a period of ill health extending over more than a year, Mr. J. O. Seigler breathed his last at his home Friday morning about five o'clock. During the many weary months of declining health he was a great sufferer but everything that could be done to allay his suffering and make him comfortable was done.

He was born and reared in the community in which he died, being a descendant of one of Edgefield's oldest families. Mr. Seigler was twice married and the children of his first marriage who survive him are Mrs. S. M. Cheatham, Mrs. John Talbert and Mrs. Smith of near McRea, Ga. Mr. Seigler was in his 73rd year at the time of his death and his friends, both young and old, will miss him in the community where he has resided so long. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at Rehoboth church by Rev. Mr. Kugley, the pastor of the church, and the interment took place in the family square in the Rehoboth cemetery.

## Texas Letter.

My mind is so often refreshed when I get the dear old Advertiser once a week of the interest I have in the old home state and the home of my childhood and the many relatives and friends that I still have there, all of which constrains me to attempt to write a script occasional-

ly for the columns of your paper, which I call the best county paper I know of.

Since my trip there last year I have enjoyed the best of health, reasonably active, can go upon the house top and do a good day's work, at the age of seventy two last birthday, for which I am due thanks, not only every Thanksgiving day, but every day.

This section of the state made reasonably good crops this year. We don't have the boll weevil to contend with here and are very hopeful, and such a thing as fertilizing is unknown. My son farmed on my place and his near by this year, hired one man and made 18 bales of cotton and a good crop feed of covers. This is no big farming but it will sound good to some people. I want it understood that boosting anything is out of my line but I candidly think this a good country. One important feature here is we have but few negroes to contend with and hope we never will, for as I see it they are a curse to any country and ought to be colonized.

I now close with love and good wishes to all the dear ones there together with all the readers of your valued paper.

E. M. McCRELESS,  
Colorado, Texas.

Route 2, Box 79.

## Crowned With Deserving Success.

Edgefield leads in many ways and in many things. We believe that Edgefield is second to no town in the talent or special gifts of many of its people. Whenever an entertainment is to be staged, it matters not what the character, there can always be found local talent to fill every place. Edgefield has many musicians, possessing both vocal and instrumental talent, and too, in their gifts as actors and actresses Edgefield occupies no second place. In the minstrel which was recently given in the Opera House by the young men of the Baraca class there was abundant evidence of this superior talent. Expressions from those who attended were exceedingly complimentary, deservedly so, too. Their entertainment attracted probably the largest audience ever seen in the Opera House. Encouraged by their splendid success here, the young men gave their entertainment in McCormick last night and were equally as successful there as in Edgefield. The receipts last night amounted to \$167. The young men were charmed with their reception by the good people of McCormick. They were treated to an elaborate supper free and are loud in their praises of the lavish hospitality of the McCormick people.

## Farmers Curing Potatoes.

While in Edgefield several days ago Mr. E. L. Yonce told us that a considerable number of farmers in his section grew sweet potatoes this year and are storing them in the potato warehouse in Johnston, which was erected by a stock company composed largely of farmers. Mr. Yonce stated that in car lots sweet potatoes can be sold now at \$1.25 per bushel which, after deducting the cost of crates and cost of curing, will leave the growers a good profit. We see no reason why sweet potatoes can not be substituted for cotton as a money crop in South Carolina.

## The Large Lake Farm.

We publish this week a very interesting article descriptive of the large farm of Mr. Henry Lake at Kathwood, near the Savannah river in Aiken county, written by Mr. N. L. Willett. Mr. John M. Mays recently visited this ideal farm and told us of some of the interesting details omitted from Mr. Willett's article. Mr. Lake has two other Edgefield young men, Mr. John Hill and Mr. Hammond Carmichael, who assist him. You will find Mr. Willett's article in this issue especially interesting.

## Masonic Officers.

At their regular meeting Monday night, the members of Concordia Lodge, A. F. M., elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: W. A. Collett, W. M.; D. J. LaGrone, S. W.; J. S. Byrd, J. W.; W. H. Sheppard, Treas.; J. O. Sheppard, Sec.; J. H. Tompkins, SI D.; J. W. Stewart, J. D.; W. E. Ouzts and W. S. Boykin, Stewards; J. W. Reece, Tiler.

## RED OAK GROVE.

### Supervisor's Good Roads. Consolidation of Schools. Form Church Pastorates Favored.

Last Sunday reminded us of early spring. Even the flowers responded, with the little birds to the lovely sunshine.

Large attendance at Flat Rock Sunday school. Many little children and young folks, besides the older ones, took advantage of the lovely day.

Had it not been for our road supervisor, Mr. Edmunds coming over and improving the roads, we westsiders would have had to go in winter quarters ere this. It is almost like town or city over here now, compared to the old custom, at this season of the winter, and we speak of this from a feeling of appreciation.

We hope yet, to see several of the small schools consolidate, also the churches come together and form pastorates, thereby having preaching services every Sunday, all being encouraged by the good roads system, as that is the most disadvantage we see in the way, unless it is the habit we Southern folk have of hanging to the old custom of things. Let's try a bigger way of doing things.

Life in the country or wherever we are, is just what we make it. We should work six days in the week wherever we are and give the Lord the Sabbath, and if we do that conscientiously He will surely be near us all through the week too. And to spend Sunday happy and hallow the day, we must live straight all the week, for the Lord does not appreciate or promise to love and protect those Sunday Christians.

We are a great admirer of Dorothy Dix and read all her articles. She says daily living makes the character.

We enjoy the letters sent from a distance by our Edgefield folks, and really appreciate Edgefield's reputation in an intellectual way. We are proud of the past record.

The young folks have on a Christmas pageant for Friday afternoon at Flat Rock before Christmas eve. Miss Cornelia Bussey has charge of the play.

Mrs. Mamie Steifel and the Misses Steifel of Steifeltown, S. C., will be among the holiday visitors and will be the guests of Mrs. J. C. Bussey and Mrs. T. W. Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Springfield, Ga., were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. George Bussey, last week.

Miss Mildred Bussey spent last Tuesday with Miss Kathleen Kendrick.

Mrs. Foster Morgan is visiting her father, Mr. Charlie Parkman this week.

Mrs. Jessie Bailey has been on the sick list but is improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickens Bailey are receiving many hearty congratulations over the arrival of their little grand daughters, Misses Bailey and McDaniel at Modoc. Best wishes to the happy parents.

May we think well how we shall spend our holidays, which are fast approaching now. Many older heads remark that they have never had experience like unto the present conditions, so do we not need to spend the time thoughtfully?

Modoc, S. C.

## Special Services at the Church.

There will be services at Baptist church Friday and nights, December 16th and 17th 7:30 o'clock. The services voted to the presentation a sion of the doctrine of Stewardship. Bro. G. C. E. engaged in this work under tist General Board will s pastor hopes that all our p attend these services and message our consecrate brings. Everybody cordial to join with us in these ser

See William Farnum Greatest Sacrifice" to be s Edgefield Theatre Friday 1 cember 16.—Adv.

A beautiful line of Chri New Year cards, Place c cards.

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